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To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction
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Subject: Ultimate and Service Butt Splice Production Tests for Reinforcing Steel, Revised Witnessing Requirements

Section 10-1.XX, "Reinforcement," of the special provisions requires production testing of ultimate and service butt splices for reinforcing steel. The department removed the statements from the special provisions that require the engineer to witness these tests. Personnel within the Division of Material Engineering and Testing Services have traditionally witnessed these tests, and are discontinuing this function.

Process contract change orders to eliminate these witnessing requirements from the special provisions for all contracts, including full-oversight, federally funded projects. The attached sample contract special provision, contract change order, and contract change order memorandum, are presented for reference only.

This construction procedures directive (CPD) serves as both the Division of Construction's and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) authorization for districts to approve contract change orders for this change on all affected contracts. It is not necessary to submit individual contract change order transmittals for this change to the Division of Construction for review. The blanket prior approval from the FHWA to proceed with this change is attached to this CPD. Attach a copy of the FHWA blanket prior approval to the contract change order memorandum for federally funded projects.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this construction procedures directive, please contact Tony Tavares, Chief, Office of Contract Administration, at (916) 651-6284.

Attachments

Attachment A – Sample Changes to special provisions
Sample Contract Change Order
Sample Contract Change Order Memorandum
FHWA - Record of Blanket Prior Approval for Major Contract Change Order